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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE NOON
BRIEFING, MARCH 8, 1978:

Q: WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES DOING, IF ANYTHING, TO PRO-
MOTE INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE INTERNAL AND THE
EXTERNAL BLACK LEADERS, IF I CAN USE THAT PHRASE?

A: I AM NOT WILLING TO OR I AM NOT ABLE TO DIVULGE THE
SPECIFICS OF WHAT WE ARE DOING, BUT WE THINK SUCH A MEETING
WOULD BE A POSITIVE STEP.

Q: WELL, DO YOU THINK IT OUGHT TO BE HELD RIGHT AWAY
LIKE TODAY OR TOMORROW?

A: I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD ONE TODAY,
BUT I DON'T HAVE A TIME FRAME ON IT FOR YOU.

Q: AND IF I MAY PURSUE THIS ONE MINUTE, WERE THESE VIEWS
EXPRESSED TO THE BISHOP THIS MORNING WOULD YOU THINK?

A: I CAN'T GO INTO THAT. I DO HAVE SOMETHING HERE ABOUT
OUR OVERALL POSTURE ON THIS, NOT MUCH I AM AFRAID, BUT IT
INCLUDES A SLIGHT CHARACTERIZATION OF WHAT HAPPENED THIS
MORNING.

AS YOU KNOW, WE REGARD THE ARRANGEMENT AGREED TO IS
SALISBURY AS ANOTHER STAGE IN THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL
CHANGE IN RHODESIA.

Q: SLOWER.

Q: ANOTHER STEP?

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A: ANOTHER STAGE IN THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL CHANGE IN
RHODESIA.

MUCH REMAINS TO BE DEFINED ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN
SALISBURY, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE CRUCIAL AREA OF
THE EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD.

WE HAVE HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE WITH BISHOP MUZOREWA IN AN
EFFORT TO GAIN HIS VIEWS AS TO THE DIRECTION THE SALIS-
BURY ARRANGEMENTS WILL TAKE.

WE WILL HAVE A FURTHER REVIEW OF THE SITUATION WITH
FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN TODAY TO DISCUSS WHAT OUR NEXT
STEPS MIGHT BE. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT KEY
PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS
OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A LASTING SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD
BENEFIT ALL RHODESIANS.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES, BOTH
THOSE IN SALISBURY AND OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY, TO PROMOTE
AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT AND WE WILL IGNORE NO POSSIBILITIES
THAT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO BRINGING THEM TOGETHER IN THIS
IMPORTANT EFFORT.

Q: THE BISHOP SAID THIS MORNING THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS
ALONG THE LINES OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AND THAT IT
FOLLOWED THE FRAMEWORK OF THAT PLAN.

DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT OR JUDGMENT ON THE VALIDITY OF THAT STATEMENT?

YOU ARE TALKING NOW ABOUT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN PROVIDING OR OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A LASTING SETTLEMENT AND HE IS CLAIMING THAT, IN FACT, HE IS FOLLOWING THAT KIND OF OPPORTUNITY.

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SO, ARE YOU SEEING EYE TO EYE WITH THE BISHOP IN THAT CASE?

A: I AM NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO BEYOND WHERE I AM NOW. I AM SORRY.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE KEY PRINCIPLES? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? CAN YOU BE A LITTLE BIT MORE SPECIFIC? THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THIS WEEK YOU HAVE SAID THAT YOU CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THE KEY PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN OFFER POSSIBILITY, I.E. THAT THEY ARE NOT IN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

WHAT PRINCIPLES ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

A: I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO DETAIL THE PRINCIPLES FOR YOU. I AM SORRY.

Q: YOU HAVE FOLLOWED THIS WHOLE EPISODE VERY CAREFULLY, HAVEN'T YOU, WITH THE BISHOP AND NKOMO AND SO FORTH?

A: WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION?

A: I WANTED TO KNOW HAVE YOU FOLLOWED IT VERY CAREFULLY.

A: YES.

WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION NOW?

Q: FINE.

COULD YOU TELL ME, WHEN, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, WAS THE LAST TIME BISHOP MUZOREWA SPOKE TO JOSHUA NKOMO?

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A: I DON'T KNOW.

Q: YOU FOLLOWED IT CAREFULLY BUT YOU DON'T KNOW.

Q: DOES THE SECRETARY HAVE ANY PLANS TO SEE KNOMO OR MUGABE?

A: I AM AWARE OF NO PLANS FOR SUCH A MEETING OR SUCH MEETINGS?

Q: DO YOU KNOW IF AMBASSADOR YOUNG OR SOMEONE ELSE AT THE U.N. IS GOING TO SEE THEM?

A: I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY PLANS NOW. NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

Q: WHEN YOU SAY IN YOUR STATEMENT "WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES", DO YOU MEAN THE UNITED

STATES, THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN?

A: I THINK THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN.

Q: ALL RIGHT.

THAT MEANS YOU WANT TO WORK WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, YOU AND THE BRITISH WOULD LIKE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

A: SURE.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY INDICATION THAT THEY WANT TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU?

A: I AM NOT AWARE OF THE STATE OF PLAY ON THAT, I AM UNCLASSIFIED

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SORRY.

Q: I AM JUST WONDERING IF YOU ARE PURSUING A DEAD END. YOU WANT TO WORK WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF ALL OF THE PARTIES WANT TO WORK WITH YOU OR DO YOU KNOW THEY DO?

A: I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR ATTITUDE IS AT THIS MOMENT, THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

Q: YOU REFERRED TO THE ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT ALL PARTIES.

A: YES.

Q: IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO GIVE US SOME ELABORATION ON WHO IT IS THAT IS CONTACTING THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND WHERE FROM THE UNITED STATES?

A: NO. I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY WHERE THEY ARE

BEING CONTACTED OR WHO IS CONTACTING THEM.

Q: BUT THERE IS CONTACT?

A: WE ARE IN DIPLOMATIC TOUCH WITH THEM. YES.

Q: ARE WE COMMITTED TO UNIFIED ACTION WITH THE BRITISH ON THIS QUESTION, PARTICULARLY IN THE UNITED NATIONS OR ARE WE FREE AT ANY TIME TO TAKE AN INDEPENDENT STANCE FROM THE ONE THAT THEY MIGHT TAKE?

A: WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR BRITISH ALLIES ON THIS QUESTION AND I SUPPOSE WHAT WILL HAPPEN FROM NOW ON OUT WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS
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BETWEEN FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN AND SECRETARY VANCE THIS AFTERNOON AND I WOULDN'T WANT TO PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.

Q: IN OTHER WORDS, WE ARE NOT COMMITTED?

A: WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE BRITISH AND WE ARE INDEED WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE BRITISH AND AN INDICATION OF THAT IS THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN IS COMING IN TO SEE THE SECRETARY THIS AFTERNOON.

Q: IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC RESPONSES TO PARTICULAR SITUATIONS THAT MIGHT ARISE, WE HAVE NOT GIVEN THE BRITISH A BINDING AGREEMENT THAT WE WILL TAKE A UNIFIED STAND WITH THEM?

A: I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH BINDING AGREEMENT BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THAT QUESTION REALLY ARISES NECESSARILY. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG PROCESS AND WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD TOGETHER WITH THE BRITISH AND I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANYTHING SIGNED IN BLOOD BETWEEN OLD ALLIES ON THIS.

Q: WOULD IT BE FAIR TO PARAPHRASE YOUR PREPARED STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS: THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT FIND THE AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED SO FAR TO BE ACCEPTABLE AS A LONG TERM SOLUTION FOR RHODESIA?

A: THE STATEMENT SPEAKS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE REACHED IN SALISBURY AS ONE STAGE IN THE PROCESS. THAT IMPLIES AND I THINK YOU COULD LEGITIMATELY IMPLY THAT THE PROCESS DID NOT END IN SALISBURY.

Q: AND THAT THIS PACKAGE WHICH THEY CONSIDERED TO BE A FINAL TRANSITION ARRANGEMENT IS NOT, AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED, SATISFACTORY AS A PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT?

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A: I THINK THAT WOULD REALLY BE A LITTLE BIT TOO HARD. I MEAN IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF -- WELL, I DON'T WANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT FROM HERE AS TO WHETHER IT IS ACCEPTABLE OR NOT ACCEPTABLE. WE HAVE IN THE PAST SAID THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT IT LEADS TOWARD A MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, IT IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP, TO THAT EXTENT, BUT ALL OF THIS KIND OF LANGUAGE INDICATES THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE MORE STEPS OR STAGES AND THAT WHERE WE GO FROM HERE IS A MATTER WHICH WILL BE UNDER CONSULTATION AND CONSIDERATION THIS AFTERNOON WHEN DAVID OWEN COMES IN.

Q: BUT IT IS IMPLICIT IN WHAT YOU HAVE SAID HERE THAT YOU DO NOT REGARD THIS AS AN ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS WORKABLE FOR THE FUTURE?

A: I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY, ON THE BASIS OF WHAT I KNOW, THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS MORNING'S MEETING, THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN ANY FORMAL ACTION OR GIVEN ANY FORMAL AND RIGID POSITION ON THE PARTICULAR ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE ENTERED INTO IN SALISBURY.

Q: HAS IT TAKEN A GENERAL POSTURE?

A: BUT THERE IS LANGUAGE IN THIS STATEMENT IN WHICH OBVIOUSLY, IF YOU TALK ABOUT NEXT STEPS AND STAGES AND PROCESSES, YOU CAN DRAW IMPLICATIONS FROM THOSE WORDS.

Q: WELL, WHAT -- ONE IMPLICATION, OR YOU CAN DRAW SEVERAL IMPLICATIONS; BUT ONE IS THAT IF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WERE TO ENDORSE OR COME IN ON THE AGREEMENT, THIS WOULD THEN BE ACCEPTABLE; IS THAT THE CASE?

A: NO. I DON'T WANT TO LAY DOWN PRECONDITIONS FOR WHAT
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IS ACCEPTABLE AND WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN TERMS OF FUTURE ACTIONS BY VARIOUS PARTIES. I DID SAY AT THE BEGINNING THAT IF THESE NATIONALIST LEADERS WERE TO SIT DOWN AND TALK WE WOULD REGARD THAT AS A POSITIVE STEP.

Q: IS THERE ANY CONTACT WITH SMITH?

A: YES.

Q: YOU SAY YOU'RE IN CONTACT WITH ALL THE PARTIES.

A: YES.

Q: THERE IS?

A: YES.

Q: COULD YOU GIVE US DETAILS OF THAT, PLEASE?

A: NO.

Q: WELL, IS THE CONTACT -- I ASSUME IT'S BEING MADE IN SALISBURY, OR IS HERE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION?

A: I WOULD ASSUME IT'S BEING MADE IN SALISBURY SOMEHOW.

Q: AND WHO ARE WE SEEING IN SALISBURY?

Q: ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT OFFICIAL CONTACT OR UNOFFICIAL CONTACT?

A: I'M NOT AWARE OF HOW YOU WOULD DESCRIBE DIPLOMATICALLY WHETHER IT'S OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL, BUT MR. SMITH AND HIS GOVERNMENT OBVIOUSLY ARE QUITE INTERESTED IN WHAT HAPPENS THERE; AND WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES, INCLUDING THE SMITH GOVERNMENT.
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Q: IN THE PAST, THE CONTACTS HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE BRITISH. ARE YOU NOW SAYING THAT THERE IS A DIRECT CONTACT WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS TOO?

A: NO, I DON'T THINK I WANT TO SAY THAT BECAUSE I JUST DON'T KNOW. BUT THE QUESTION WAS ASKED YESTERDAY, WERE WE IN TOUCH WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND WERE WE IN TOUCH WITH SMITH, AND THE ANSWER I WAS PROVIDED THIS

MORNING, OR ACTUALLY AT ABOUT 12:05, WAS THAT WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH ALL THE PARTIES, INCLUDING THE SMITH GOVERNMENT.

Q: WELL, THERE'S DIRECT CONTACT, ISN'T THERE, AT THIS TIME?

Q: THIS REMAINS RATHER VAGUE -- "ALL THE PARTIES." CAN WE RUN DOWN THE PARTIES WITHIN RHODESIA? THE PATRIOTIC FRONT --

A: YES.

Q: -- AND WITHIN RHODESIA INCLUDES SMITH?

A: YES.

Q: AND THEY'RE THE FRONT-LINE STATES?

A: YES.

Q: ARE YOU IN TOUCH WITH THEM ON THE MATTER IN PROGRESS?

A: YES.

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Q: ARE WE IN TOUCH WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN CONNECTION WITH THIS?

A: YES. I THINK YOU CAN ASSUME WE'RE IN TOUCH WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

Q: IS SOUTH AFRICA OUR MEDIUM OF CONTACT WITH SMITH?

A: I CAN'T GET INTO WHO IS OUR MEDIUM OF CONTACT WITH

SMITH. I'LL TAKE THE QUESTION. I WOULD ASSUME THAT AT VARIOUS DIFFERENT TIMES WE USE DIFFERENT MEDIA TO BE IN TOUCH WITH MR. SMITH WHEN WE FIND IT USEFUL TO BE IN TOUCH. BUT I'LL TAKE THE QUESTION.

Q: WOULD YOU TAKE THE QUESTION, PLEASE?

A: WHICH QUESTION.

Q: OF HOW WE ARE COMMUNICATING WITH SMITH.

A: YES. I JUST DID.

Q: ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS THING, YOU DRAW ATTENTION PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE CRUCIAL AREA OF THE EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD. I WONDER IF YOU COULD GIVE US SOME KIND OF CLUE AS TO WHAT THAT FORM OF WORDS IS SUPPOSED TO MEAN. IN VIEW OF THIS, I HAVE ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PRIMARY CONCERN THAT WE HAD ABOUT THE INTERNAL AGREEMENT WAS JUST THAT -- THAT IT WAS AN INTERNAL AGREEMENT -- AND THAT IT WAS NEITHER ACCEPTABLE TO NOR DID IT PROVIDE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. AND NOW WE'VE GOT THIS TRANSITION PERIOD BEING A BIG HITCH.

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I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND. IF THIS ARRANGEMENT WENT ON THROUGH THE TRANSITION PERIOD AND PAST THE END OF 1978 AND IT STILL EXCLUDED THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IT WOULD STILL BE UNACCEPTABLE TO US. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT --

A: I THINK THAT THE QUESTION OF WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN A QUESTION OF SOME DISPUTE AND CONCERN AMONG ALL THE PARTIES INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER, AND ALSO IT IS TRUE THAT WE BELIEVE THAT IN ORDER TO HAVE A LASTING SETTLEMENT YOU'VE GOT TO GET AGREEMENT BY ALL THE PARTIES WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO EFFECT WHAT HAPPENS IN RHODESIA.

I DON'T KNOW, TO BE FRANK, WHY THIS PARTICULAR CLAUSE IS IN HERE AND WHY THE WORD "PARTICULARLY" IS USED -- VERY FRANKLY.

Q: IF IT'S NOT DIRECT CONTACT, WOULD IT BE FAIR TO CALL IT INDIRECT CONTACT?

A: I SAID THAT I WOULD TAKE THE QUESTION.

Q: OH, O.K., ALL RIGHT; FINE.

A: THAT'S THE THIRD TIME I'VE SAID I'D TAKE THE QUESTION.

Q: I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D TAKE IT ON THAT. I THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE.

MR. MEDEIROS: JUST BEFORE YOU MOVE TO ANOTHER SUBJECT, SINCE THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS EARLIER ON SPECIFIC UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETINGS AND SINCE WE'RE GOING TO BE EXPOSITORY AROUND HERE, I CHECKED WITH NEW YORK. AMBASSADOR YOUNG HOSTED A BREAKFAST YESTERDAY MORNING FOR MR. NKOMO. HE'S HOSTING A LUNCH TODAY FOR MR. MUGABE, AND HE WILL HOST A BREAKFAST TOMORROW FOR BISHOP MUZOREWA.

A: THANK YOU.
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